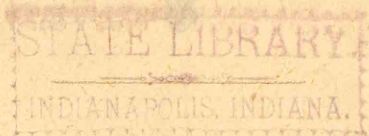
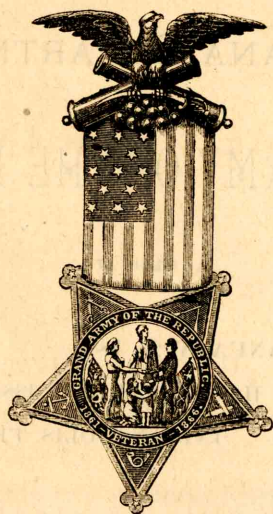


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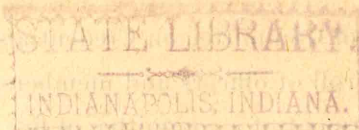


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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
G. A. R.

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GREENCASTLE, IND., JAN. 29, 1880.

Pursuant to the order of the Council of Administration, which met in Terre Haute, December 19, 1879, that the First Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana should be held at Greencastle, January 29, 1880, the properly appointed Delegates assembled for that purpose, on the above date, and transacted the following:

At 11 o'clock A. M. the Council of Administration met and adopted the following Order of Business for the Encampment:

1. Call to order by the Department Commander, and the Encampment to be opened in due form.

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2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Calling roll of officers and members.
4. Appointment of a committee of five on Reports of Officers.
5. Appointment of a committee of five on Communications.
6. Reports from committees.
7. Reports of officers.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Election of officers.
11. Closing in due form.

The Encampment met at 1 o'clock p. m. at Opera House Hall, and was opened in due form.

Comrade John B. Hager, Department Commander, in the chair.

Comrade Jay Cummings, Assistant Adjutant General, acting as Adjutant.

Comrade W. H. Armstrong, Post 1, acting as O. D.

Comrade J. S. Wooden, Post 5, acting as O. G.

Comrade J. W. Harris, Post 4, acting as Chaplain.

Comrade H. S. Miller, Post 1, acting as S. V. C.

Comrade J. T. Fee, Post 11, acting as J. V. C.

The Department Commander announced the following list of committees :

#### **A. Q. M G. Report.**

Comrades Carnahan, Casto and Harris.



### **Credentials.**

Comrades Cummings, Hanna, Snyder and Armstrong.

### **Reports of Officers.**

Comrades Armstrong, Miller and Carnahan.

### **Communications.**

Comrades Carnahan, Cummings and Snyder.

The Committee on Credentials reported that there were forty-six delegates present entitled to seats in this Encampment, as follows :

### **Department Officers.**

Commander, J. B. Hager.

S. V. C., James R. Carnahan.

J. V. C., Ed. C. Snyder.

M. D., J. C. Thompson.

\*Chaplain, B. F. Cavens.

Asst. Adj. Gen., Jay Cummings.

A. Q. M. Gen., Harmon S. Miller.

Inspector, W. H. Armstrong.

Judge Advocate, Thomas Hanna.

C. M. O., S. E. Armstrong.

### **Council of Administration.**

E. Nicor, W. W. Casto, J. W. Harris, S. E. Armstrong, Harmon S. Miller.

**Post 1.**

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

P. C., \*W. E. McLean.

\*J. W. Haley.

James Merriman.

S. Burget.

William Wallace.

I. H. C. Royse.

Jesse Robertson.

C. Krietzenstein.

Mack Wood.

Charles Cruft.

Hugo Duenweg.

I. N. Pierce.

Samuel Crandell.

J. H. Henderson.

F. A. Ross.

James A. Modesitte.

George Plannett.

R. N. Hudson.

John G. Turner.

C. A. Power.

Ira Mitchell.

J. B. Mitchell.

F. Seaman.

**Post 2.**

\*W. W. Carter.

J. C. Gifford.

E. S. Holliday.

—, Hoffman.

R. W. Osborn.

Will D. McCullough.

G. E. Hubbard.

C. H. Bennet.

\*G. A. Byrd.

N. T. Keasey.

R. S. Hill.

C. Hawkins.

**Post 3.**

P. C., James R. Carnahan.

William O'Haver.

S. R. Thompson.

Charles T. Clements.

Charles Reynolds.



**Post 4.**

DELEGATES.

T. M. Dice.

ALTERNATES.

Pierce McMurtrie.

**Post 5.**

P. C., M. D. Tacket.

P.P.C., J. S. Wooden.

George H. Dunn.

\*Samuel Maguire.

A. B. Armington.

John M. Stevens.

J. M. Wallingford.

Frank McCoy.

**Post 6.**

Not represented.

**Post 7.**

P. C., Ed. C. Snyder.

Byron R. Russell.

**Post 8.**

Not represented.

**Post 9.**

P. C., James T. Johnson.

P.P.C., W. W. McCune.

David Strouse.

Clint. Murphy.

**Post 10.**

J. Gurley.

**Post 11.**

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

P. C., J. F. Fee.

P.P.C., G. J. Langsdale.

John Osborn.

J. Birch.

Francis Jones.

L. P. Chapin.

Elisha Cowgill.

M. A. Moore.

**Post 12.**

P. C., L. G. Hoops.

John H. Rippetoe.

Richard McIlroy.

George W. Harris.

**Post 13.**

P. C., \*Marshall Taylor.

\*W. P. Alden.

John J. Schrack.

\*Absent.

The Committee on Assistant Quartermaster General,  
reported as follows:

OFFICE OF  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
TERRE HAUTE, JANUARY 29, 1880.

GEN. JOHN B. HAGER,

*Commanding Department of Indiana, G. A. R.:*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to submit the following  
report of the financial condition of this Department:



Department of Indiana to National Department, debt-	
or to balance.....	\$105 70
Department of Indiana to National Department, cred-	
itor by cash.....	75 00
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	\$30 70
With blanks, badges, etc. on hand.....	\$41 54

**Account with Department.**

Cash received, per capita tax.....	\$157 20
Cash received, charters.....	50 00
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	\$207 20

**Expenses.**

Stationery, stamps, etc.....	\$92 60
Cash paid National Headquarters.....	75 00
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	\$167 60
Cash on hand.....	\$39 60

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. MILLER,

*Assistant Quartermaster General Department of Indiana.*

GREENCASTLE, IND., JANUARY 29, 1880.

*To Commander, Officers and Comrades of G. A. R., Department of Indiana:*

We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Department Quartermaster, beg leave to report that as far as we can ascertain from said report, the same is correct. Your committee has not had an examination of vouchers for moneys expended, but are assured that the amount shown to be expended is correct. Without casting any censure on the Quartermaster, your committee would suggest that in the

future all vouchers should be presented for inspection by the Auditing Committee.

JAMES R. CARNAHAN,

W. W. CASTO,

J. W. HARRIS,

*Auditing Committee*

The report was adopted.

The following report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and adopted:

### **Report of the Assistant Adjutant General.**

J. B. HAGER,

*Department Commander:*

COMRADE: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of this office for the fraction of a year ending January 29, 1880.

There are now on the Rolls of the Department thirteen Posts, as follows:

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER.
Morton .....	1	Terre Haute.....	May 12, 1879.
Gen. Canby.....	2	Brazil.....	May 13, 1879.
.....	3	LaFayette .....	.....
.....	4	Covington .....	.....
Pap Thomas.....	5	Greensburg .....	.....
.....	6	Wabash .....	.....
McPherson .....	7	Crawfordsville .....	.....
Anteen.....	8	South Bend.....	.....
Gen. Steele.....	9	Rockville.....	Sept. 3, 1879.
Capt. Floyd.....	10	Annapolis.....	Sept. 8, 1879.
.....	11	Greencastle .....	Sept. 12, 1879.
Sugar Creek.....	12	Macksville.....	Sept. 27, 1879.
.....	13	Columbus .....	Jan. 20, 1880.



These Posts are, without exception, in a prosperous condition, and bid fair to add lustre and character to our grand Order.

I would respectfully recommend that each Post, at the commencement of the year, make requisition for a sufficient amount of blanks to carry them through the first half of the year.

The proper blanks were mailed to every Post in the Department months ago; but, strange to say, a few only of the Posts acknowledged receipt of the same. Of course, they never reached their destination. This being true, it is suggested that hereafter this branch of the business be transacted by express.

I take pleasure in stating that the groundwork for the formation of new Posts in this Department have been instituted on a grand and comprehensive scale. We are in communication with every county in the Department; there is in process of formation fifteen or twenty new Posts, a large majority of which are in counties not now represented in this Encampment. With proper zeal and energy our noble Order should have in active operation, within the next six months, in this Department, not less than fifty to seventy-five Posts. The times are ripe for the completion of this work, and we should improve the golden opportunity.

Since the Department Encampment, held in Terre Haute, Oct. 3, 1879, there has been issued from Headquarters four General Orders and one Circular.

The following table gives the numerical strength of each Post in the Department:

1.....	275	8.....	—
2.....	140	9.....	45
3.....	48	10.....	22
4.....	31	11.....	64
5.....	111	12.....	44
6.....	—	13.....	17
7.....	47		

JAY CUMMINGS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

### Commander J. B. Hager's Address.

COMRADES: The Provisional Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic, was ordered on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1879. Under this order the Department commenced its operations. The requisite number of Posts having been mustered in, Indiana became a Department, with full departmental powers for work, and on the third day of October, 1879, the first Encampment of the Department was held in the city of Terre Haute, and a full roster of officers elected. Since that time the affairs of the Department have been in a healthy condition and where Posts exist much interest has been shown and the growth of the Order promises ere long to embrace a great majority of those who served their country during the war of the Rebellion in the army and navy of the United States.

It should be the aim of the comrades already mustered in, to gather into their Posts all who have faithfully served, of course having regard to moral character, residence and their fitness to become members of the Order. The principles upon which the Order is established are fraternity, charity and loyalty, and therefore none should be excluded except for reasons of the most cogent character, but efforts should be made to make



the number to include, as nearly as possible, all who have loyally and faithfully served and borne arms in defense of their country. The Order will then become a power that can command respect and can force that recognition from the ruling powers, and from political parties, to which they are so much entitled and by which they have been so long practically ignored.

It is particularly enjoined upon all Post officers to conduct the meetings of their respective Posts with the utmost decorum, both in initiation ceremonies and in the dispatch of the business of the Post. The least departure from the rules laid down, but opens the door for other departures and the Ritual and Rules and Regulations soon become of no binding force and the Order will languish and decay.

Camp fires should be encouraged, literary entertainments and amusements of an innocent character instituted and other means adopted to keep alive the interest in this noble Order. Members of Posts only can originate these things and they only know what would best promote the interests of the Posts and those of the Order generally. Questions of a political character should be scrupulously avoided, and to accomplish this, commanders of Posts must be firm and decided in their suppression.

Heretofore "Decoration Day," May 31, has not been as properly and decently observed as it should be. It is the peculiar province of the Grand Army of the Republic, where Posts are organized, to take charge of the ceremonies on that day and conduct them in a reverent manner. The ritual for that purpose is extremely beautiful and impressive and its proper working will always

make the day an interesting holiday to not only the comrades but to all friends of soldiers.

A rigid scrutiny is observed by the Department in granting charters, to avoid placing the organization of Posts in improper hands. A Post properly organized, and by proper persons, must flourish and be an honor to the Order of which it is a component part.

It is with pleasure that I have to state that as far as I am advised, the Posts thus far established are in good working order and answering the purpose for which the Order was instituted.

The Assistant Adjutant General has found his work quite laborious and his duties have taken almost his entire time. To perform his duties properly, particularly in increasing the number of Posts, answering letters, seeking information and all the multifarious duties consequent to a new Department, he can give but little of his time to other business. In the fulfillment of these duties thus far, Mr. Cummings has been earnest, industrious and faithful and is entitled to my thanks and to a very substantial recognition from the Department.

I refer you most respectfully to his report.

The Assistant Quartermaster General will show by his report, what has been done in his sphere of duties. As custodian of the Department funds his duties and responsibilities thus far have not been arduous. The hope however is entertained that they may handsomely increase.

I refer you to reports of the other officers of the Department for information in their particular line of duties.

I can not permit this occasion to pass without



impressing upon all Post Commanders the absolute necessity of seeing that all proper returns are made promptly, as required by the rules and regulations. Without these it is impossible for the Department officers to make their returns to the National Encampment.

The Council of Administration which met at Terre Haute on the nineteenth day of December, 1879, decided to hold the first regular Encampment of the Department in Greencastle on January 29, 1880. In accordance with that appointment we are here to-day for the election of officers of the Department and for the transaction of such business as may be necessary to the welfare of the Order in the State. Comrades, may we do it in fraternity, charity and loyalty?

A resolution was offered and unanimously carried as follows:

*Resolved*, That in the present and all future meetings Past Post Commanders shall be entitled to seats in the Department Encampment.

At this stage of the proceedings, a congratulatory telegram was received from our Parent Department, Illinois, as follows:

CHICAGO, JANUARY 29, 1880.

JAY CUMMINGS,

*Assistant Adjutant General Department, G. A. R.:*

Department of Illinois sends greeting in fraternity, charity and loyalty to her younger sister of Indiana. Long may she prosper.

CHARLES R. E. KOCH,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

A hearty response was returned in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

It was announced that the Department of Pennsylvania is now in session in the city of Reading, that State, and a telegram of good cheer was sent them in care of Assistant Adjutant General J. M. Vanderslice.

The report of the Council of Administration, which was held in Terre Haute, December 19, 1879, was read as follows :

### **Report of the Council of Administration.**

The Council of Administration met in pursuance of a notice from Department Headquarters, at Terre Haute, December 19, 1879, for the purpose of selecting time and place for holding the Department Encampment.

Present—Comrades Hager, Carnahan, Thompson, S. E. Armstrong, Miller, Cummings, W. H. Armstrong, Hanna and Harris.

Absent—Comrades Snyder, Cavens, Nicor and Casto.

The question was then discussed as to where the next Encampment should be held. Comrade Carnahan urged the claim of Post 3, of LaFayette, setting forth the favorable inducements in the way of transportation, and offering free entertainment to delegates. Comrade Hanna, of Post 11, Greencastle, invited the Encampment to meet with them. While he could not then make the same offer that came from Post 3, in the way of entertainment, he felt assured that arrangements could and would be perfected, the same as was offered by Comrade Carnahan.



After a lengthy discussion, pro and con., Comrade Harris moved that the place of holding the next Encampment be decided by ballot. It was so ordered, and resulted in selecting Greencastle, and the date fixed January 29, 1880.

A unanimous vote was offered, recommending the Department Encampment to fix the pay of the Assistant Adjutant General at fifty dollars per month, commencing November 1, 1879.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That all Posts organized shall pay the necessary expenses of mustering officer in the performance of said duty.

Comrade Cummings was directed to confer with Comrade Wilkinshaw, Department Commander of the Department of Kansas, concerning the purchase from him of a sciopticon, which that comrade had offered on favorable terms. It was ordered that the same be purchased for the several Posts in this Department, each Post paying its share, and having an equal ownership in the same.

Adjourned.

JAY CUMMINGS,

*Recorder.*

J. B. HAGER,

*Chairman.*

The report was adopted, excepting such part of said report as referred to the recommended salary of the Assistant Adjutant General, which was laid on the table for future action.

Election of officers was announced to be in order, and the following comrades were placed in nomination

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for Department Commander: J. B. Hager, S. E. Armstrong, Charles Cruft and James P. Carnahan. Comrade Hager declined in favor of Comrade Armstrong; Comrade Cruft also declined, and the list of candidates was reduced to two, Comrades Armstrong and Carnahan.

Comrades Royse and Wooden were appointed tellers, and the ballot resulted as follows:

Comrade S. E. Armstrong.....32

Comrade James R. Carnahan.....13

and Comrade Armstrong was declared duly elected.

Nominations for S. V. C. were now in order; Comrade James R. Carnahan was placed in nomination, and the Adjutant was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for James R. Carnahan for S. V. C.

Nominations for Chaplain were now in order, and the name of Comrade J. W. Harris, of Post 4, was presented. Nominations were closed, and the Adjutant was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for J. W. Harris for Chaplain.

For Medical Director, Comrade J. C. Thompson, of Terre Haute, was nominated, and the Adjutant directed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for said comrade, who was declared elected.

The Encampment then proceeded to elect a Council of Administration for the ensuing year, with the following result: Comrades E. C. Snyder, W. W. Casto, — Clements, J. T. Johnston and J. L. Wooden.



Comrade Hanna, of Post 15, and Comrade Carnahan, of Post 3, were elected delegates to the National Encampment.

On motion of Comrade I. H. C. Royse, that portion of the report of the Council of Administration that was laid on the table, was taken off, and the following resolution adopted in its stead:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at five hundred dollars per year, and that the commencement of the year be fixed as November 1, 1879.

Comrade Clements offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives from this Grand Encampment to the National Encampment, be requested to use their best efforts to have the rules and regulations so changed that semi-annual reports be required instead of quarterly reports.

Comrade Royse offered the following resolution on the question of per capita tax, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a quarterly tax be levied on the several Posts of this Department, for Department purposes, equal to fifteen cents for each member in good standing at the close of the preceding quarter.

Comrade S. E. Armstrong offered the following resolution regarding a G. A. R. banner device, and the resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, I move that the delegation from the Depart-



ment of Indiana to represent this Department in the National Encampment, G. A. R., be instructed to move and vote for the adoption by the National Encampment of the United States, of the design for a Grand Army banner after the model here presented by General Canby Post 2, Department of Indiana.

It was ordered that a vote of thanks be tendered Post 11, for their extreme courtesy and attention, after which the Encampment was closed in due form.

Commander in Chief William Earnshaw and Adjutant General Isaac B. Stevens were present, and it was ordered that the newly elected officers be installed in public in this building, this evening. At half past seven o'clock P. M., the delegates met for this purpose, and found the Opera House crowded to its utmost capacity by the veterans and their friends.

After prayer by the Chaplain and some excellent singing, the Adjutant General proceeded to the installation of the officers elect.

Department Commander Armstrong announced the name of Comrade Jay Cummings as his Assistant Adjutant General, and the comrade was duly installed as such.

After the installation ceremonies were concluded, the veterans were addressed by Comrades Earnshaw, Carnahan and others; the addresses were interspersed with instrumental and vocal music, the latter being our old war songs, and the utmost patriotism and good feeling abounded.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPT. 21, 1880.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPT. 21, 1880.

The Council of Administration assembled pursuant  
to order of Convention, Department Commander S. E.  
Armstrong presiding.

The following committees were appointed :

**On Credentials.**

Comrade Harris.	Comrade Wooden.
Comrade Fee	

**On Report of Assistant Adjutant General.**

Comrade Carnahan.	Comrade Stevens.
Comrade Royse.	Comrade Agnew.
Comrade McCullough.	

**On A. Q. M. General's Report.**

Comrade Wooden.

Comrade Agnew.

Comrade Snyder.

Comrade Carnahan.

Comrade Aikin.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., September 22, 1880.

Owing to certain circumstances, unknown to the Assistant Adjutant General, no subsequent meeting was held.

**BEN D. HOUSE,***Assistant Adjutant General.*



PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

HELD AT TERRE HAUTE, IND., APRIL 13, 1881.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., APRIL 13, 1881.

The Council of Administration met at 8 o'clock P. M., pursuant to order of Convention, Commander Armstrong presiding.

Upon calling the roll the following members were found present:

S. E. Armstrong, Department Commander, Post 1.

J. R. Carnahan, Sr. V. Commander, Post 3.

Ben D. House, A. A. General, Post 17.

Wm. H. Armstrong, Department Inspector, Post 1.

John A. Bryan, Post 1.

W. W. Casto, Post 12.

J. W. Harris, Department Chaplain, Post 4.

There being a vacancy in the Council of Administration, it was filled by the election of Comrade D. Agnew, Post 16.



The following committee was appointed on A. Q. M. General's accounts :

Comrades Carnahan, Agnew, Bryan and Harris.

On motion, it was ordered that the Council of Administration recommend to the Encampment the reimbursement of Comrade W. H. Armstrong for expenses incurred in the organization of Post 14 and postage.

On motion, it was ordered that the Council of Administration recommend to the Encampment the suspension of all Posts in arrears for reports until they shall place themselves on a good footing, as per Rules and Regulations.

The following committee was appointed to draft by-laws for the government of the Encampment :

J. W. Harris, Post 4.

W. H. Armstrong, Post 1.

J. L. Wooden, Post 5.

On motion, it was ordered that the Encampment request permission from the Commander in Chief to report semi-annually in lieu of quarterly.

On motion, it was ordered that the Council of Administration recommend to the Encampment the allowance of the sums drawn by the Assistant Adjutant General, as per vouchers in the hands of the Assistant Quartermaster General, as pay for services, and that the compensation of said Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at fifteen cents per capita for all members in good



standing, in no event the aggregate amount to exceed five hundred dollars per annum.

The Committee on Accounts reported in favor of recommending payment by the Encampment of a bill for printing, filed by C. W. Brown, the bill being endorsed by said committee.

On motion, the Council of Administration adjourned until nine o'clock P. M., April 14, 1881.

BEN D. HOUSE,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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### **Proceedings of the Second Day.**

The Council of Administration met pursuant to adjournment, Comrade Carnahan presiding.

Present—Comrades House, Harris, Wooden, Casto and Agnew.

The following report of Committee on Accounts of Assistant Adjutant General was read and adopted:

*To the Department Commander and Comrades of Department Encampment:*

We, your committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the late Assistant Adjutant General and Acting Assistant Adjutant General, Jay Cummings, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the accounts of said officer, but are unable to make any report as to

his standing with the Department, for the following reasons:

1. He has never opened an account with himself as to the amount of money that came into his hands.

2. Expenditures of large sums of money are entered, but there are no vouchers for the money expended, and no data of any kind whereby the accounts can be balanced.

3. In his personal account the day book shows that he has received three hundred, ninety-four dollars and sixty cents as salary, but the ledger only shows that he has received one hundred, fifty-four dollars and sixty cents on account of salary.

The amount of salary due him, according to action of the last Department meeting, would be one hundred and seven dollars and thirty-three cents. This shows that said officer has overdrawn his salary very largely.

Your committee would recommend that the whole matter of accounts of Jay Cummings be referred to a special committee, with instructions that they demand and procure from said Jay Cummings vouchers for all expenditures, and make report as to his entire accounts, and that said committee report in full at the next Department meeting; and on failure of said officer to make a full and detailed statement with vouchers for expenditures, said committee to be directed to prefer charges against the said Cummings for such failure and disobedience of orders. Said settlement to cover the entire period of his time as either Assistant Adjutant General or Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

We further recommend that in order to promote harmony in the Department, that the Assistant Adju-



tant General be instructed to obtain a report from each Post of amounts of money sent to headquarters to date, and that Posts be credited with all money that may have been sent to Comrade Cummings and for which they have not received credit.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

JAMES R. CARNAHAN,

J. W. HARRIS,

D. AGNEW,

*Committee.*

On motion, the Council of Administration adjourned to meet at the Encampment.

BEN D. HOUSE,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, G. A. R.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DEPARTMENT INDIANA,  
TERRE HAUTE, IND., APRIL 13, 1881.

The second annual Encampment of the G. A. R., Department of Indiana, met in G. A. R. Hall, pursuant to order of convention, and was opened in due form by Commander Armstrong.

On motion, the partial report of the committee appointed by the Council of Administration for the presentation of By-laws and Rules to the Encampment for the government of that body in its deliberations, was received and adopted, as follows :

The Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report the following order of business for the government of this Encampment :

1. Opening of Encampment in due form.



2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Calling roll of officers and members.
4. Appointment of a committee, consisting of five members, on Reports of Officers.
5. Appointment of a committee, consisting of five members, on Communications.
6. Reports of officers.
7. Reception and reference of communications from Posts and members.
8. Reports from committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Election of officers and installation of same.
12. Reading minutes and approving same.
13. Closing in due form.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HARRIS,

J. L. WOODEN,

WM. H. ARMSTRONG,

*Committee.*

After explanation as to delinquencies, on motion, the delegates from Posts 11 and 20 were admitted to seats in the Encampment.

The report of the Committee on Accounts of the A. A. G., and A. A. A. G. Cummings, appointed by the Council of Administration, was received, and after discussion, adopted by the Encampment.

At 12:45 o'clock the Encampment adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

After being called to order, Comrade Armstrong, Department Commander, delivered his address, which, on motion, was ordered to be spread upon the records of the Encampment.

(This report was retained by Department Commander Armstrong for revision, and has never been in the hands of the A. A. G.)

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and ordered spread upon the records of the Encampment, and the payment of seventy-five dollars, drawn by him as salary, was ratified by vote of the Encampment.

### **Report of Assistant Adjutant General.**

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., APRIL 12, 1881.

S. E. ARMSTRONG,

*Department Commander :*

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of the Department and the business of this office, so far as I am able to give its status from the data and official records turned over to me by my pre-



decessor. In pursuance of the provisions of P. VIII, general order No. 4 current series, I assumed the duties of Assistant Adjutant General, vice Comrade Macauley, resigned. The same P. of said Order directed Comrade Jay Cummings, Assistant Adjutant General, to turn over all books, blanks, records and correspondence pertaining to this office in his custody, and enumerated in detail in section III, article VI, Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R., including an order book, a letter book, an endorsement and memorandum book, and files of all orders, reports and correspondence remaining in his office September 20, 1880. Some time subsequently I received through you two letter books containing correspondence dating from May 6, 1880, one of them in a mutilated condition, several sheets having been torn out. Subsequently I received an order book. This includes all of the official records of the Department turned over to me pertaining to the Adjutant General's office from the source indicated, save Post Adjutants' reports for the first and second quarters of 1880 as hereinafter specified, and a journal and ledger containing a record of his official financial transactions legitimately pertaining to the office of the Assistant Quartermaster General, which I, on the eighteenth of September, 1880, turned over to their proper custodian, Assistant Quartermaster General Dudley.

My predecessor, Comrade Macauley, turned over to me no papers of importance and as I understand none such were ever in his keeping, the custody of all records having been left in the hands of the Acting Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Cummings.

Never having had in my possession the report of the proceedings of the last Encampment, I am unable to state with official certainty what Posts have been since estab-

lished, but submit the following as what appears from data in my custody:

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER.
Logansport.....	14	Logansport .....	Feb. 26, 1880.
Merchant.....	15	Petersburg .....	March 25, 1880.
Jeff. C Davis.....	16	Vincennes. ....	March 26, 1880.
Geo. H. Thomas.....	17	Indianapolis.....	April 26, 1880.
Phil. Kearney.....	19	New Waverly.....	May 20, 1880.
Ellsworth .....	20	Seymour.....	June 22, 1880.

The following have been established since my incumbency of the office of Assistant Adjutant General:

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER.
.....	21	Snoddys Mills.....	Sept. 16, 1880.
.....	22	Eugene .....	Sept. 20, 1880.
.....	23	Marion.....	Oct. 1, 1880.

Owing to lack of complete adjutants' reports, a statement of numerical force is impossible otherwise than by approximate estimate, the following being the condition of the Department records in this regard: Complete reports have been received from Posts 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 23. Post 4 is delinquent in all reports except for first quarter; also Post 6. Post 7 is delinquent for the fourth quarter; also Post 11. The reports from Post 12 have been received for first and fourth quarters only. No reports have been received from Post 13, and only for the last quar-



ter from Post 14. Post 18 is entirely delinquent, and Post 20 for the last quarter. The only Surgeons' reports received are from Posts 3, 9 and 23.

This condition of affairs is in no manner the fault of the office of the Adjutant General, as frequent requests have been made for them by circular, citing the duties of officers in this regard prescribed by the Rules and Regulations.

Owing to delay on the part of some Post Adjutants in forwarding their reports, I have been unable to make return to the Adjutant General at the close of any quarter of a character flattering to the standing of this Department.

A practice has obtained of transacting financial business through the office of the Assistant Adjutant General in lieu of that of the Assistant Quartermaster General, which, while not only out of the regular order, has led to complications and misunderstandings which might have been avoided had the business been done through the regular channels. As an illustration: Under date of September 5, 1880, this office received a communication from Comrade Agnew, Commander of Jeff. C. Davis Post 16, at Vincennes, calling attention to the fact that, on the 28th of June, 1880, a requisition for badges, etc., had been forwarded, accompanied by the funds, to Acting Assistant Adjutant Gen'l Cummings, and that the requisition remained unfilled. Upon calling Comrade Cummings' attention to this fact, a reply was received, stating that the funds had come duly to hand, and had been turned over to Comrade Dudley, Assistant Quartermaster General. Upon inquiry at his office, the fact was elicited that he had failed to receive the cash in question. In reply to further inquiry addressed to Comrade Cummings from this office, he stated that Post 16 was

entitled to one-half dozen bronze badges, and requested their forwarding. This has not been done, owing to the fact that the requisite funds have failed to reach the Assistant Quartermaster General. Action upon this matter is requested, that the Post in question may receive that to which they are entitled in this matter.

It would seem from General Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, February 27 and 28, that all Posts had been instructed sufficiently in regard to the remittance of funds, and that again, on May 24, 1880, upon the appointment of Comrade Dudley as Assistant Quartermaster General, the same instructions were repeated. In a communication during the month of September (of no date), 1880, a complaint was made that Post 19 had failed to receive its charter. This charter was subsequently found, having date of over two months previous, and mailed with another discovered at the same time.

I will here state that I have experienced considerable difficulty in getting the charters of this Order through the mails, from what cause I am unable to determine, as I have, in three instances, forwarded duplicates and in one a triplicate. Some mailed by myself and yourself failed to reach their addressed destination.

Having in my possession no records fixing the compensation of the Assistant Adjutant General, I have drawn, upon your approval, subject to the approval of the Council of Administration, the aggregate sum of seventy-five dollars, as will appear as per vouchers in the hands of the Assistant Quartermaster General. I have disbursed no moneys, turning over all coming into my hands—forwarded to me in lieu of the Assistant Quartermaster General to that officer. I have drawn upon him nothing for postage, having defrayed that personally. If the recommendation be proper, I would



respectfully suggest that the salary of the Adjutant General should be definitely fixed, that no misunderstanding may arise in regard to this subject. As will be seen by the foregoing, I can not make so satisfactory a report of the condition of this Department as all of its members could desire. One thing is manifest, that the good of the Order and the respectability of its standing at national headquarters demands a prompt forwarding of all reports to departmental headquarters, that the Adjutant General may be able to forward, when due, the detailed statement of its condition, as required by the Rules and Regulations to the national headquarters. This it has been impossible for me to do, for the reasons hereinbefore stated.

I am inclined to think that the growth of the Order in this Department must depend largely upon the amount of missionary work performed by its officers, and that great good may be accomplished by them in maintaining the interest of Posts already organized, by personal visits.

The general Orders issued since the last Encampment number from 1 to 8. Since my incumbency of the office, six special orders have been issued, filed in the order book, and eight circulars. All correspondence received by me has been properly briefed and filed as part permanent records of this office. Owing to want of a press I have not been able to use the letter book, but a record of all transactions will be found. (The mutilation of the book would, in any event, have prevented its use by me.)

My experience has satisfied me that the business of the Department can not be properly conducted in a pocket office, and that better provisions should hereafter be made in this regard, and that proper facilities should be had to enable the Assistant Adjutant General

to be in a condition to receive visits from an inspecting officer, and further, that such visits should be made.

Regretting the causes beyond my individual or official control which render it impossible for me to submit a more satisfactory report, the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

BEN D. HOUSE,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

The report of the Department Inspector was received, accepted and placed among the records of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General.

The report of the Medical Director was read and adopted, subject to revision in case of the reception of further reports.

The report of the Department Chaplain, which was verbal, was ordered spread upon the minutes of the Encampment, *verbatim*. Said report was as follows :

"So far as I know, this Department is in excellent spiritual condition."

The report of the Council of Administration was read, and on motion, it was ordered, by vote of the Encampment, that W. H. Armstrong, Inspector of the Department, be reimbursed for expenditures in Post organization and for postage.

The same action was taken in regard to a printing bill of nineteen dollars and twenty cents, filed by C. W. Brown, contracted by A. A. A. Gen. Jay Cummings.

On motion, it was ordered, by vote of the Encampment, that the compensation of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at fifteen cents per capita per annum, based upon the reports of the third quarter, and in no event to exceed five hundred dollars per annum.



On motion, the following committee was appointed on Resolutions :

Comrades Cruft, Post 1 ; Johnson, Post 9 ; Carnahan, Post 3 ; Agnew, Post 16 ; Harris, Post 4.

On motion, by vote of the Encampment, it was ordered that the per capita tax be reduced from fifteen cents per quarter to ten cents, to date from April 1, 1881.

The following committee was appointed on Communications :

Comrades Hager, Post 1 ; W. H. Armstrong, Post 1 ; Agnew, Post 16 ; Wooden, Post 5 ; Dobbs, Post 17 ; Harris, Post 4.

The following resolution in reference to the meeting of the National Encampment, was offered by Comrade Carnahan and was adopted :

WHEREAS, The National Encampment held at Dayton, Ohio, June 8, 1880, decided to hold the National Encampment of 1881 at the city of Indianapolis; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By this, the annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, G. A. R., now assembled, do hereby extend to the Commander in Chief and National Council of Administration G. A. R., a cordial greeting, and at whatever time the National Encampment shall be convened this Department will welcome our comrades of the Nation in friendship, charity and loyalty.

The Commander of Post 4 was, on motion, ordered by vote of the Encampment, to present his case to the proper committee.

On motion, it was ordered, by a vote of the Encamp-

ment, that the order of business be suspended to go into election of officers.

Comrades Armstrong and Wooden were appointed tellers, and the following nominations were made for Commander: Comrades James R. Carnahan and W. W. Dudley; when, on motion, nominations were declared closed.

Result of the first ballot: Total number of votes cast, 50; necessary to a choice, 26. Dudley received 36, and Carnahan 14.

Upon the announcement of the result, on motion of Comrade Carnahan, the election of Comrade Dudley was declared unanimous.

The next business in order being the election of a Senior Vice Commander, the following nominations were made:

Comrades Agnew, Post 16; W. H. Armstrong, Post 1; Lindley, Post —; Wooden, Post 5, and Hack, Post 16.

On first ballot Wooden received 31 votes, Lindley 13, and Hack, 8.

On motion of Comrade Lindley, seconded by Comrade Hack, the election of Comrade Wooden was made unanimous.

The following nominations were then made for Junior Vice Commander:

Comrades Casto, Post 12; A. L. Miller, Post 1, and White, Post 15.

On motion, nominations were declared closed.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Casto, 18; Miller 27, and White 7.



On motion of Comrade Casto, the election of Comrade Miller was made unanimous.

Geo. F. Beasley was nominated for Medical Director, and, there being no other candidate, by vote of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General was ordered to cast fifty-two ballots for his election and he was declared unanimously elected.

The same action was taken as to Department Chaplain Harris.

The following members of the Council of Administration were elected by acclamation: Comrades Agnew, Post 16; Pfeiffer, Post 8; White, Post 15; Johnson, Post 9, and Langsdale, Post 11.

The nominations for representatives to the National Encampment were Comrades Wm. E. McLean, Post 1, and Wm. D. McCullough, Post 2, who were unanimously elected by the vote of the Encampment cast by the Assistant Adjutant General.

The same action was taken in regard to alternates, Comrades Hack, Post 16, and J. B. Shaw, Post 3, being unanimously elected.

On motion, it was ordered that when adjournment was had that it be until 9 o'clock A. M., April 14, at the same place.

The Committee on Resolutions presented a resolution relative to appointment to office, with the recommendation that it lay upon the table. After discussion it was referred back to them with instructions to report further on the 14th inst.

The hall was then prepared for exemplification of

unwritten work, after which the Encampment adjourned pursuant to previous action.

### **Proceedings of Second Day.**

The Encampment was opened by Comrade Armstrong, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Comrade Hager, Post 6, at Wabash, was declared suspended.

Comrade Armstrong, Department Inspector, moved that Post 14, at Logansport, be required to make full reports and make payment of all dues within thirty days, and upon failure to comply the Department Commander be directed to declare the Post vacant.

The same action was ordered in regard to Post 18.

On motion, it was ordered that the National Department be petitioned for authority for the Council of Administration to make semi-annual instead of quarterly reports.

On motion, it was ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General report to the Postmaster General, and ask for an investigation in relation to the failure of the delivery of mail matter connected with the Department.

Comrade Cruft, from the Committee on Resolutions, reported the following:

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this body that Union ex-soldiers are entitled to fair recognition at the hands of the State and Federal Governments, in the distribution of civil offices, and all matters of qualification,



integrity and fitness being equal, that there should be accorded to them preference over those who did not participate in the war.

We recommend that the foregoing resolution be adopted as a substitute for that proposed by Comrade Powers, on yesterday recommitted to this committee.

CHARLES CRUFT,  
JAMES T. JOHNSON,  
*Committee on Resolutions.*

On motion, the foregoing resolution was adopted and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to send a copy of the same to each Congressman from this State.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of the Department, from its organization, be printed under the direction of the present and preceding Department Commanders—Comrades Dudley, Armstrong and Hager.

On motion, it was ordered that the report of A. A. Gen. Cummings be published.

On motion, it was ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to procure suitable record books for the Department.

On motion, it was ordered that the printing of orders seven and eight and badges be paid for.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Encampment tender a vote of thanks to Morton Post 1, for the handsome manner in which it has entertained the Department Encampment.

On motion, it was ordered that the expenses of Gen. Swain, Senior Vice Commander, be paid.

On motion of Comrade Cruft, Post 1, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to Capt. S. E. Armstrong, retiring Department Commander, for the able, dignified and intelligent manner in which he has performed the duties of his office during the past year.

Adjourned.

### **Report of Council of Administration.**

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 25, 1881.

Council of Administration met pursuant to order of Commander Dudley. Present :

Sr. V. C., John L. Wooden, Greensburg.

Jr. V. C., H. L. Miller, Terre Haute.

Dep't Inspector, Wm. H. Armstrong, Terre Haute.

Judge Advocate—Thomas Hanna, Greencastle.

Chief Must. Officer, J. R. Carnahan, Indianapolis.

Comrade, D. Agnew, Vincennes.

Comrade, J. T. Johnson, Rockville.

Comrade Geo. J. Langsdale, Greencastle.

Past Department Commanders, S. E. Armstrong and Geo. F. Beasley.

J. R. Carnahan presented an order for him to act as Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

A communication was read from Comrade Jay Cummings, asking for Court Martial.

A motion was made and seconded that Comrades W. H. Armstrong, H. L. Miller, and J. T. Johnson be appointed a committee to investigate the accounts of Com-



rade Cummings, in pursuance of the report and recommendation of the Auditing Committee at last Department Encampment.

Carried, and above were appointed.

A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to convey to A. A. Gen. House our sympathies in his affliction.

Motion carried. Appointed Comrades W. H. Armstrong, Agnew, Shaw and Carnahan.

A motion was carried adding A. A. A. Gen. Jas. R. Carnahan to the Committee on Statistics, and to have all proceedings, etc., printed.

On motion, the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure a record book, and have all minutes of the Department transcribed.

Reports were made as to the state of the Order throughout the Department.

The question of the next Department Encampment was brought up, and the following named places were named: Indianapolis, Seymour, LaFayette and Greensburg.

It was, on ballot, decided to hold the Encampment at Indianapolis. The time, February 22, 1882, at 10 A. M.

Commander in Chief Merrill was received by the Council of Administration, and addressed the Council.

JAS. R. CARNAHAN,

*Acting Ass't Adjutant General.*

### **Report of the Council of Administration.**

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., FEB. 21, 1881.

The Council of Administration met in pursuance to call in General Order, No. 8, Senior Vice Commander, Wooden, presiding.

The call of the roll showed the following members present:

S. V. C., J. L. Wooden.

Jr. V. C., H. L. Miller.

Chaplain, J. W. Harris.

A. A. G., Ben D. House.

Chief Mustering Officer, J. R. Carnahan.

Judge Advocate, Thos. Hanna.

Geo. Pfeiffer, John M. White, G. J. Langsdale.

Comrade Meacham, of Post 9, explained the absence of Comrade Johnston, and his excuse was considered satisfactory.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved.

The report of the A. A. G. was read, and the following committee appointed to report upon his accounts:

Comrades Carnahan, Miller and Hanna.

Comrade Miller, of the committee, appointed at the last previous meeting to investigate the administration of Jay Cummings, presented a partial report, and giving satisfactory reasons for being discharged, the report



was accepted, and a new committee appointed, to further continue the investigation of the case, as follows:

W. H. Armstrong, Post 1.

J. T. Johnston, Post 9.

J. W. Haley, Post 1.

A letter from Commander Dudley was read, and by vote, ordered to be placed on file in the office of the A. A. G.

There being no further business, the Council of Administration adjourned.

BEN D. HOUSE,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
G. A. R.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DEPARTMENT INDIANA,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., FEBRUARY 22, 1882.

The Department Encampment met pursuant to order of Convention, and, in the absence of Department Commander W. W. Dudley, was called to order by S. V. Commander J. L. Wooden.

The Department was welcomed by Comrade John L. McMasters, Commander of Post 17, G. A. R.

The call of the roll showed the following members of the Encampment present:

**Delegates.**

\*Commander, W. W. Dudley, Post 17.

Sr. V. Commander, J. L. Wooden, Post 5.

Jr. V. Commander, H. L. Miller, Post 1.



- \*Medical Director, Geo. T. Beasley, Post 3.
- Chaplain, T. W. Harris, Post 4.
- A. A. Gen., Ben D. House, Post 17.
- A. Q. M. Gen., S. E. Armstrong, Post 2.
- Chief Mustering Officer, J. R. Carnahan, Post 3.
- Judge Advocate, Thomas Hanna, Post 11.
- Inspector, Wm. H. Armstrong, Post 1.

### **Council of Administration.**

- \*D. Agnew, Post 16.
- George Pfeiffer, Post 8.
- John M. White, Post 15.
- \*Jo. T. Johnston, Post 9.
- G. J. Langsdale, Post 11.

### **Representatives to National Encampment.**

#### DELEGATES.

- \*William E. McLean, Post 1.
- \*Will D. McCullough, Post 2.

#### ALTERNATES.

- \*J. Hack, Post 16.
- \*J. B. Shaw, Post 3.

### **Past Department Commanders.**

- John B. Hagar, Post 1.
- S. E. Armstrong, Post 2.

#### **Post 1.**

- Commander, James W. Haley.
- Past Commander, John B. Hager.
- \*Past Commander, William E. McLean.
- Past Commander, William H. Armstrong.

## DELEGATES.

\*George Plannett.  
 R. N. Hudson.  
 \*H. W. McLean.  
 E. S. Partram.  
 Jacob Voris.  
 \*J. H. Henderson.  
 B. F. Havens.  
 \*Lawrence Burgett.

## ALTERNATES.

W. H. Melrath.  
 R. R. Davis.  
 \*Fred. A. Ross.  
 \*Chas. A. Powers.  
 John A. Bryan.  
 \*R. H. Taylor.  
 C. S. Darnell.  
 \*Albert Gray.

**Post 2.**

Commander, J. P. Hysung.  
 \*Past Commander, S. E. Armstrong.  
 \*Past Commander, Will D. McCullough.  
 \*Past Commander, George A. Byroad.

## DELEGATES.

J. A. Decker.  
 \*E. S. Holliday.  
 Burton Stewart.

## ALTERNATES.

**Post 3.**

\*Commander, W. W. McBeth.  
 Past Commander, James R. Carnahan.  
 Past Commander, J. B. Shaw.

## DELEGATES.

\*David Bryan.  
 \*Alex. Blackburn.  
 C. A. Reynolds.  
 \*James Smith.  
 John M. Boggs.  
 Henry C. Miller.  
 \*Nat Craigmile.  
 \*L. R. Thompson.

## ALTERNATES.

J. W. Foster.  
 S. C. Loveless.  
 G. W. Bringham.



**Post 4.**

Commander J. W. Patterson.

Past Commander, Murphy Lewis.

\*Past Commander, George W. Boyd.

Past Commander, John W. Copner.

DELEGATES.

James Long.

Henry Meehan.

ALTERNATES.

\*Pierce McMurtrie.

**Post 5.**

\*Commander, John F. Childs.

Past Commander, John L. Wooden.

Past Commander, M. D. Tackett.

DELEGATES.

Daniel Davis.

James Kennedy.

\*W. W. Dixon.

\*Orville Thomson.

M. Dugan.

J. N. Wallingford.

ALTERNATES.

\*D. Davidson.

\*W. H. Montgomery.

A. S. Creath.

C. Ehrhardt.

\*W. S. Johnson.

\*Michael Bohn.

**Post 6.**

Dropped

**Post 7.**

Commander, John B. Engle.

\*Past Commander, Edward C. Snyder.

Past Commander, Byron R. Russell.

DELEGATES.

Mahlon D. Manson.

Jas. T. Bootes.

ALTERNATES.

T. H. B. McCain.

J. R. Duncan.

**Post 8.**

\*Commander, Edwin Nicar.

S. V. C., Phineas Solomon.

\*Past Commander, Alfred B. Miller.

\*Past Commander, Edward Nicar.

## DELEGATES.

Corwin B. VanPelt.

Jasper E. Lewis.

\*Joseph Turnock.

\*Wilber E. Gorsuch.

J. G. Greenawalt.

## ALTERNATES.

\*J. P. Creed.

George Pfeiger.

\*T. E. Howard.

C. R. Stickney.

John Hughes.

**Post 9.**

Commander, John F. Meacham.

\*Past Commander, Wallace W. McCune.

\*Past Commander, James T. Johnson.

## DELEGATES.

\*John H. Beadle.

\*N. W. Cummings.

\*John F. Meacham.

## ALTERNATES.

\*A. F. White.

\*D. B. Ott.

\*J. Dowd.

**Post 10.**

Commander, J. A. Gurley.

## DELEGATES.

\*Josiah M. Ephlin.

## ALTERNATES.

\*Daniel A. Porter.

J. D. Conley.

**Post 11.**

S. V. C., George Cahill.

Past Commander, James F. Fee.

Past Commander, G. T. Langsdale.



DELEGATES.  
John F. Fee.  
J. A. Crose.

ALTERNATES.  
\*J. R. Miller.  
Jas. A. Steele.  
L. D. Crawley.  
Samuel Dunn.

**Post 12.**

Not represented.

**Post 13.**

Commander, J. Griffin.  
\*Past Commander, Marshall Taylor.

DELEGATES.  
P. F. Webber.

ALTERNATES.

**Post 14.**

Commander, L. W. Carpenter.  
\*Past Commander, Jos. G. Barron, deceased.  
\*Past Commander, Frank Swigart.

DELEGATES.  
T. H. Bringhurst.

ALTERNATES.  
\*D. B. McConnell.

**Post 15.**

Commander, John M. White.

DELEGATES.  
\*Daniel C. Ashley.  
\*William C. Adams.

ALTERNATES.  
A. Sebren.

**Post 16.**

\*Commander, W. D. Lewis.  
\*Past Commander, D. A. Agnew.  
\*Past Commander, J. C. Belles.

## DELEGATES.

C. E. Whitsett.

\*Paul Hendricks.

## ALTERNATES.

W. A. Quigley.

\*A. D. Vanasdale.

**Post 27.**

Commander, W. H. Keller.

## DELEGATES.

\*Jacob W. Messick.

A. C. Rosencranz.

H. A. Mattison.

## ALTERNATES.

John M. Loftin.

**Post 28.**

Not represented.

**Post 29.**

\*Commander, John Hobson.

## DELEGATES.

Edward D. Litsey.

## ALTERNATES.

Clark E. McDaniel.

**Post 30.**

Commander, Milton Garrigus.

Past Commander, N. P. Richmond.

## DELEGATES.

\*Willis Blanch.

\*Josiah Stanley.

\*Thos. M. Kirkpatrick.

## ALTERNATES.

T. L. Wykes.

H. M. Sailors.

W. H. Mavity.

**Post 31.**

Commander, J. M. Watts.

## DELEGATES.

\*Wm. F. Lytle.

\*Lewis Gass.

## ALTERNATES.

\*A. A. Wells.

\*I. R. Kennard.

E. H. Gresham.



**Post 32.**

Commander, H. C. Harris.

Past Commander, Charles M. Scott.

DELEGATES.

G. W. Short.

J. L. Richards.

J. M. Cassell.

John Spies.

ALTERNATES.

\*John Rockhold.

\*J. Anderson.

\*J. P. Freeman.

**Post 33.**

Commander, E. Y. Sturges.

DELEGATES.

J. J. Todd.

ALTERNATES.

\*John North.

**Post 34.**

\*Commander, Thomas Dillon.

DELEGATES.

\*John A. Stevens.

ALTERNATES.

**Post 35.**

\*Commander, John M. Crossan.

DELEGATES.

H. C. Shenkenberger.

\*Jas W. Ogburn.

ALTERNATES.

J. S. Albaugh.

\*Hiram Smith.

**Post 36.**

\*Commander, P. C. McGannon.

DELEGATES.

John C. Cope.

C. D. Shank.

ALTERNATES.

Mark Robertson.

Ed. H. Tripp.

**Post 37.**

\*Commander, W. H. Merritt.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

Wm. Barney.  
\*N. R. Palmer.  
\*W. E. Hardy.

**Post 38.**

Commander, James Patchett.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

\*Thomas Mitchell.      \*O. C. Gordon.

**Post 39.**

\*Commander, James H. Reese.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

William H. King.      \*George W. Andrews.

**Post 40.**

Commander, H. C. Hartman.

\*Past Commander, J. Kelley McCracken.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

Robert S. Robertson.

**Post 41.**

Commander, Edward R. Brown.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

\*John F. Yarnell.  
W. W. Agnew.

**Post 42.**

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

J. O. Pedigo.      John M. Powell.

**Post 43.**

Commander, R. A. Perkins.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

Michael Atkinson.      \*C. C. Azbell.



**Post 44.**

Commander, C. S. Stoy.

DELEGATES.

\*J. H. Dodge.

ALTERNATES.

**Post 45.**

\*Commander, M. B. Lloyd.

DELEGATES.

\*Albert Hubbell.  
Charles White.

ALTERNATES.

**Post 46.**

Not represented.

**Post 47.**

DELEGATES.

E. M. Lowe.

ALTERNATES.

**Post 48.**

\*Commander, J. D. Galligher.

DELEGATES.

\*L. W. Milhite.

ALTERNATES.

\*Absent.

**Report of Committee on By-Laws.**

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report :

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## DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I.

#### MEETINGS.

The stated meetings of the Encampment shall be held at such time in each year, and in such place, as the Department Encampment or Council of Administration shall select.

### ARTICLE II.

#### PER CAPITA TAX.

The per capita tax shall be ten cents per quarter on each member reported in good standing by each Post, to be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General on the first days of January, April, July and October.

### ARTICLE III.

#### NUMBERING POSTS.

All Posts shall be numbered consecutively, and according to the date of their charters. In case a Post disbands or forfeits its charter, the number of such Post shall not be again used by any other Post.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### ARREARAGES.

Any Post in arrears for quarterly reports, or dues for six months, shall be suspended, and if a Post be one year in arrears, it shall forfeit its charter, and such Post be dropped from the rolls of the Department, and reinstated only by a two-thirds vote of the Department Encampment, and upon forwarding reports and payment of all dues to the time of being dropped.



## ARTICLE V.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Department Commander shall, at the last meeting of the Council of Administration previous to the meeting of the Annual Encampment, appoint a Committee on Credentials, to consist of three members of such Council of Administration.

## ARTICLE VI.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At each Annual Encampment the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Opening of the Encampment in due form (observing the forms used in opening Posts).
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Calling roll of officers and members.
4. Appointment of Committees, consisting of three members, on Reports of Officers.
5. Appointment of a Committee, of three members, on Communications.
6. Reports of officers.
7. Reception and reference of communications from Posts and members.
8. Reports from committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Election of officers and installation of the same, observing form of installing officers of Posts.
12. Reading minutes of the meeting and approving of the same.
13. Closing in due form.

## ARTICLE VII.

## ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Any alterations and amendments to these By-Laws must be offered in writing and shall lay over until the next annual meeting of the Encampment, and be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

(Signed)

J. W. HARRIS,

J. L. WOODEN.

*Committee on By-Laws.*

Motion being made and seconded that the foregoing be adopted as a whole, the same was carried.

Moved and seconded, that the reading of the minutes of the last annual Encampment be dispensed with. Carried.

The following Committees were appointed :

On Credentials : Comrades Hanna, Post 11 ; Pfeiger, Post 8, and Harris, Post 7.

On Officers' Reports : Comrades H. L. Miller, Post 1 ; Wallingford, Post —, and George W. Spahr, Post 17.

On Communications : Comrades J. B. Shaw, Post 3 ; Chas. W. Smith, Post 17, and Lewis, Post 8.

The Assistant Adjutant General's report was read as follows, with the minutes of the Council of Administration of dates November 25, 1881, and February 21, 1882:



**Report of Assistant Adjutant General.**

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DEPARTMENT INDIANA,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., FEBRUARY 21, 1882.

*To Department Commander:*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following synopsis of the business transacted through the office of the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, since its second annual Encampment, held at Terre Haute, Ind., April 13 and 14, 1881.

The practice which had obtained during '80 and '81 of sending funds direct to the Assistant Quartermaster General, was continued the present year by a number of Posts for some time, and appears, from correspondence in this office, not to have been entirely discontinued, notwithstanding specific instructions in paragraph III, general order No. 4, and repeated in paragraph III, general order No. 6, that all funds should be sent through the Adjutant General, but payable to the order of the Assistant Quartermaster General. Up to the middle of the second quarter comparatively few Posts complied with this order, in consequence of which fact it is impossible for this office to make a full report of the financial condition of this Department. An account has, however, been kept with all Posts of moneys passing through the office of the Assistant Adjutant General. If as indicated in correspondence before mentioned, any has been received by the Assistant Quartermaster General, his books will show such amounts.

The whole amount coming into my hands, including \$121 drawn from the Assistant Quartermaster General before the transfer of the

books to the present incumbent of that office, is.....		\$1,477 27
Amount expended for supplies, in- cluding the foregoing.....	\$358 20	
Other expenses, per itemized vouch- ers filed.....	72 40	
Sent Assistant Adjutant Quartermas- ter General.....	736 21	
Salary as Assistant Adjutant General,	195 59	\$1,362 40
Cash on hand.....		\$114 87

Since the last annual Encampment twenty-two (22) Posts have been organized as specified in paragraph I, general order No. 4; paragraph IV, general order No. 6, and paragraph VII, general order No. 8. Since the issuance of the last named order, Posts have been established at Michigan City and Independence.

As indicated in paragraph III, general order No. 8, four Posts in Kentucky, formerly attached to the Illinois jurisdiction, have been transferred to the charge of this Department, and by its action a Post has been established at Owensboro, Ky.

There are applications in the hands of eight parties who promise as many Posts in this State and five in Kentucky, enquiries being received almost daily.

The correspondence during the year has been quite extensive.

Eight general and fourteen special orders have been issued from this office, with three circular letters. Three dispensations have been granted in accordance with section III, article 2, chapter 2, Rules and Regulations, granting the muster of comrades on the evening of the presentation of the application for membership.

My official correspondence with the various Department officers and members of the staff, has been of such



a character on their part as to indicate that the word "Comrade" is understood by them in its fullest and best sense, and they are entitled to the cordial thanks of the Encampment for the interest they have shown in the dissemination of the principles of friendship, charity and loyalty, as exemplified by the teachings of our Order, and for the assistance they have given this office, to which must be attributed what measure of success can be accorded to the past year's work, as indicated by this report and the records of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General.

The work performed by Comrades Carnahan, Shaw and Agnew, of a missionary character, in working up new Posts, appears to me to be worthy of special mention.

The correspondence recently received relative to the establishment of new Posts, leads me to believe that the next year's work may be made to largely surpass that of the last.

The reports in my hands (not complete) indicate the following membership in good standing:

End of second quarter.....	1,047
End of third quarter.....	1,663
End of fourth quarter.....	2,050

I am, sir, very respectfully yours,

In friendship, charity and loyalty,

BEN D. HOUSE,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

The following report from the Committee on the Assistant Adjutant General's report was received and adopted:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
DEPARTMENT INDIANA,  
INDIANAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 22, 1882.

*To the Department Commander and Comrades :*

We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General, Ben D. House, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined his account of receipts and expenses, and the vouchers therewith, and find them correct. We find that the Department is indebted to the Indianapolis Journal Company, forty-four dollars and ninety-five cents, account herewith filed, which your committee recommend should be paid. The Department is indebted to National Headquarters for per capita tax for the last three quarters, seventy-one dollars and thirty-nine cents, payment of which is recommended.

We, therefore, would recommend that this Encampment approve the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Your Committee in consideration of the extra amount of labor performed by Assistant Adjutant General House, and the faithfulness of his trust, recommend that an allowance of two hundred dollars, additional to the amount already received by him, be paid Assistant Adjutant General House.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

JAS. R. CARNAHAN,

H. L. MILLER,

THOMAS HANNA,

*Committee.*



### Annual Report of Inspector.

The report of Department Inspector, W. H. Armstrong, for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1882, was read and referred.

#### Recapitulation.

Number of Posts, 40.

New Posts, gain, 17.

Lost since last report, 3.

Number inspected, 34.

Not inspected, 2.

Number of members in good standing, 2,215.

Work in ritual and its performance, memorized, 20 ; partly memorized, 6 ; read, 8.

Officers and guards, uniformed and equipped, fully, 6 ; not, 28.

Posts uniformed and equipped, fully, 3 ; partly, 2 ; not 29.

Number of muskets owned by Posts, by three Posts, 9.

Attendance of officers, regular 29 ; irregular 5.

Attendance of members, regular, 25 ; irregular 9.

Interest in Posts, good, 32 ; lack of, 2.

Keeping of records, well, 24 ; fair, 5 ; none, 5.

Receiving of orders and reading to Posts, read, 29 ; not read, 5.

Observance of orders, observed, 28 ; —, 6.

Orders from National Headquarters missing from files, none, 20 ; not known, 2 ; missing, 1 ; none received, 1 ; no report, 10.

Reports and forwarding of taxes, forwarded, 31 ; not forwarded, 3.

Amount charged for muster in, 17 Posts, \$1 ; 1 Post,

\$1.25; 1 Post, \$1.50; 9 Posts, \$2; 2 Posts, \$2.50; 2 Posts, \$3.

Amount charged per capita, 1 Post, 8 cents; 14 Posts, 10 cents; 14 Posts, 13 cents; 2 Posts, 15 cents; 1 Post, 40 cents; 8 Posts, 50 cents; 1 Post, 7 cents.

Sick benefits, none.

Number of Posts having relief fund, 5.

Money in relief fund, \$354.93.

Total expended for charity, \$323.43.

General fund, \$104.56.

Number of Posts excellent, 5.

Number of Posts good, 19.

Number of Posts fair, 10.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. ARMSTRONG,

*Inspector.*

### **Medical Director's Report.**

The report of the Medical Director, Geo. F. Beasley, was read and referred.

LAFAYETTE, IND., FEBRUARY 15, 1882.

W. W. DUDLEY,

*Commander Department, Grand Army of the Republic.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the office of Medical Director of the Department of Indiana:

But one Post Surgeon's report has been received, that one being the report of Daniel Dayton, Surgeon of Auten Post, No. 8, of South Bend, who reports thirteen crippled Comrades.

The inference to be drawn from the most of reports is, that either no more wounded or crippled Comrades



are left, or that the Post Surgeons have been derelict in their duties.

This may seem to many a small, trivial matter, one of form alone, but the proper record of all disabled comrades, may, in the future, be of great benefit to those unfortunates.

I would, therefore, urge that the Post Surgeons give the matter more attention—transmit their reports in proper time.

Very respectfully,

GEO. F. BEASLEY,

*Medical Director Department Indiana.*

### **Report of Committee on Credentials.**

The Committee on Credentials made the following report.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the credentials given us, and find that they are correct, except in the following irregularities:

Some are signed by the Post Adjutant only, and some by the Post Commander only. They should be signed by each. In two cases the credentials are certificates of Comrades, authorizing the holders to act as their substitutes, and we recommend that in the cases referred to the Comrades be allowed to have their places in this Encampment.

We further recommend that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to prepare and send to Posts of

the Department forms of credentials to be used hereafter by delegates.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. HANNA.

J. W. HARRIS.

GEO. PFLEIGER.

### **Assistant Quartermaster General's Report.**

The report of Assistant Quartermaster General, S. E. Armstrong, was read and referred.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., FEBRUARY 21, 1881.

*To the Commander and Encampment Department of Indiana :*

COMRADES : I have respectfully to submit a report of funds of the Department :

DR.

Assistant Quartermaster General's receipts.....	\$836 71
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Expense account — postage, express, printing, stationery, etc.....	\$99 76
Paid dues and supplies National Headquarters..	141 75
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	\$241 51
On hand.....	\$565 20

I would state, that as no property accounts of badges, etc., have been kept by me, my account is wholly of cash, received and paid out.

Whilst it is a relief to have charge of no property, other than cash, I am clearly of the opinion, as is also the A. A. G., that the A. Q. M. G. is the proper custodian of all Department property, except blanks.

I congratulate my Comrades that our Department, financially, is in so prosperous condition, and as the object of the Grand Army of the Republic is not for the



purpose of accumulating a large fund, I would suggest that some steps be taken during this Encampment toward reducing the per capita tax to five cents per quarter. Also, that provisions be made for paying Representatives from a distance, to the place of Department meeting, a small allowance of mileage, not to exceed cost of railroad fares. No other society, so far as known, denies such allowances to members in their representative bodies.

I have to submit a number of memoranda, sent to me by the A. A. G., as to the receipts from Posts in detail, for any explanation of which you are fraternally referred to him, as they can not practically be embodied in my cash accounts.

Respectfully submitted.

S. E. ARMSTRONG,

*Assistant Quartermaster General.*

On motion, the Encampment decided to meet at the court room for the afternoon session.

Comrade W. H. Armstrong made a statement in regard to the publication of Garfield Memorial Services, for the benefit of Morton Post 1.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The roll of officers and delegates was called.

The following invitation from Governor Porter was read and received:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, FEBRUARY 21, 1882.

Governor and Mrs. Porter respectfully invite the delegates and the Department Officers of the Grand Army

of the Republic to a reception to be given by them at their residence to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The following letter from Department Commander Dudley was read :

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
PENSION OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 4, 1882.

BEN D. HOUSE,

*Indianapolis. Ind.*

MY DEAR COMRADE AND FRIEND: I have your favor of the 28th, enclosing the reports and accounts, which I have signed and return to you herewith. I desire to take this opportunity of expressing to you my gratification at the splendid results of your administration—I can not say my own—for you have done all the work.

The Department is certainly to be congratulated upon its flourishing condition, but I must say that much of it is due to your watchful care of its interests, and your industry in discharging the duties of the position.

I am especially pleased at the prosperity of the business, and believe that in the coming year, with proper officers, we can have in operation an hundred Posts. Please convey to the officers of the Department my sincere thanks for their cordial co-operation, and the confidence they have reposed in me, and say that I consider the patience and zeal displayed by them is worthy of commendation and copy by all who shall come after them.

Now, in conclusion, let me say that, for yourself, personally, I entertain the highest regard, both as a Comrade and a man, and should be glad, if at any time it shall



be in my power, to do or say something by way of reciprocating the many kindnesses you have shown me.

Very truly yours,

W. W. DUDLEY.

The following report from the Committee on the Report of Department Inspector W. H. Armstrong, was received and adopted:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., FEBRUARY 22, 1882.

*Commander and Comrades, Department Encampment G. A. R.:*

The committee, to whom was referred the report of the Inspector, have the honor to report the following:

That we find that the work of this office has been considerably increased during the past year, and, owing to the accession of several new Posts so near its close, was made more difficult because of having to get them into shape for inspection, and get report of same for this Encampment. It is, therefore, all the more gratifying to the committee, that they find the report of the Inspector so well and completely made that the working condition of the Department, its morale and its prospects, can be seen at a glance. On the representation of the Inspector, made in former reports, and now renewed, the committee would recommend that Assistant Inspectors should, whenever practicable, be assigned to Posts of which they are not members, and, as this will entail expenses of traveling, etc., their accounts for said expenses shall be paid by the Assistant Quartermaster General, under such limitation as he may deem necessary; and, also, that the accounts of Assistant Inspectors Cary, Spelman and Greenawalt, for such service, herewith presented, be paid by the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Your committee further recommend that the thanks of this Department be tendered Comrade W. H. Armstrong, who has served the Department in this capacity for three years, and to whose zeal and work it is indebted in a great measure, for the important increase made by the Kentucky Posts, transferred to it, and to his associates for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. MILLER,

J. N. WALLINGFORD.

*Committee.*

The following report of the Committee on Report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was received and adopted:

INDIANAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 22, 1882.

*Commander and Comrades, Department Encampment G. A. R.:*

We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General of this Department, submit the following report:

His expense account of ninety-nine dollars and seventy-six cents for stationery, printing, postage, etc., which he certifies to, we accept as correct.

The expense of funds sent National Headquarters of one hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents we find no voucher for, and presume money has been sent at a recent date, and that he has not yet received his receipt for same. If he has, he has failed to enclose same in his report, and that he be asked to file said voucher with his report, which will make his report in full and correct.

We concur with the Assistant Quartermaster General in his report recommending that the Assistant Quarter-



master General be the custodian of all property, except blanks, and recommend that this meeting pass such resolution as will carry that measure into effect.

We do not concur with the Assistant Quartermaster General in his recommendation that the per capita tax be reduced to five cents per quarter, but recommend that it remain at ten cents per quarter, where the By-Laws have already placed it.

We do not concur with the Assistant Quartermaster General in his suggestion as to paying mileage to delegates living at a distance from Encampment meetings.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. MILLER,

J. N. WALLINGFORD,

*Committee.*

The vouchers for money sent to National Headquarters, one hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, have been produced by the Assistant Quartermaster General, making report correct.

H. L. MILLER,

J. N. WALLINGFORD,

*Committee.*

The following report was received and adopted from the Committee on Medical Director's Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 22, 1882.

*Commander and Comrades, Department Encampment G. A. R.:*

We, your committee, having examined the report of the Medical Director of this Department, recommend that the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. MILLER,

J. N. WALLINGFORD,

*Committee.*



It was moved and seconded that an order be drawn to pay the amounts due the Journal Company and National Headquarters. Carried.

Comrade Lewis, of Post 8, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Delegates from the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic to the National Encampment, be instructed to ask the National Encampment to so amend the Descriptive Book of the Grand Army of the Republic, as to include a column for the purpose of setting forth the name of any Rebel prison in which any Comrade may have been confined, and the number of months so confined.

The following resolutions, offered by Comrade J. B. Hagar, were adopted :

WHEREAS, An effort has been made in the Congress of the United States to repeal the law known as the " Arrears of pension bill," it is, therefore,

*Resolved*, By the Grand Army of the Republic, in Department Encampment assembled, that we are most earnestly opposed to this repeal.

*Resolved*, That the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department furnish the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from Indiana, with a copy of these resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the Assistant Adjutant General also furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Indianapolis *Journal*, *Sentinel* and such other papers as may be deemed necessary to give it the greatest publicity.

The following communication and resolution was offered by Comrade Coburn, of Post 17, Grand Army of the Republic:



COMMANDER:

The delegation from Geo. H. Thomas Post have been authorized by the Post to present to the Encampment the subject of a monument, for all soldiers going out from, and resident in the State of Indiana, who served in the Army of the Union. They therefore present a memorial to the Encampment, showing that in their judgment it is proper that a monument should be erected to the soldiers of Indiana, commemorative of their services and sacrifices. That it should be of a character worthy of the great State in which we live. That it should be erected at as early a day as possible at the Capital of the State.

We believe that there is a sincere and general desire that this should be done, and that the people of Indiana only await a capable and responsible organization to give the proper contributions with which to erect it.

In order that this may be done, it seems proper that the Grand Army of the Republic should inaugurate the work. The organization is composed of the men who are directly interested by their feelings, their memories and their associations in this important project. They are found in all parts of the State. They are influential and active members of society, and they have the confidence of the best men and women of the communities in which they live.

This is a work that must be done by the present generation of men or it will most likely never be done. Coming generations will have their duties and burdens, and will hardly pause or turn aside to do this. It can be done by this one with ease if undertaken at an early day with sufficient energy.

No more honorable service can be performed by the Grand Army than this.



The plans for a soldiers' monument have been suggested in various forms, but we think none should be adopted until the amount of money that can be raised can in some measure be estimated. We believe that the public-spirited citizens of our State will co-operate gladly with the soldiers in making contributions, and now suggest that the subject be presented to and considered by the various Posts of the State.

We beg leave to suggest that each Post collect a small sum from each member, at each quarterly meeting, not to exceed ten cents, and by these contributions form a nucleus for greater ones in the future, confident that when the people learn that the soldiers, from their means, are giving for this purpose, they will add much larger sums.

Whatever is done should be done upon full and free consultation, and after due deliberation. We, therefore, most respectfully, but earnestly, ask that the Encampment recommend early action by the several Posts of this Department, and that the officers of the Department be charged with the work of promoting this praiseworthy object.

We are of the opinion that these officers can act more efficiently and promptly than a new committee, and that they would inspire more confidence in the project. No new organization need be effected. No additional safe-guards need be provided. If these contributions are to be made publicly, and reported constantly, and deposited where the account can be seen, will it not satisfy a liberal public that the management is sound and honorable?

We, therefore, propose that the officers of the Department be authorized to proceed at once to notify the Posts of the action taken as to this matter, by the Encampment, and that their concurrent action be asked, and the



proper reports be made from time to time as the work progresses.

We propose the following resolution for the consideration of the Encampment:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Encampment that a suitable State monument should be erected to commemorate the deeds of the soldiers and sailors of the Union Army who went out from Indiana, and soldiers and sailors of other States who reside within the State.

That the Grand Army of the Republic should inaugurate this work and set the example in making contributions for this purpose.

That the officers of this Department be charged with this additional duty.

That they recommend a small voluntary contribution to be made quarterly by the members, not to exceed ten cents per member for each quarter, by each of the Posts, and that so soon as a majority of the Posts in this Department have signified their approval of this plan, the Department Commander shall direct the contributions to be taken up.

That the Department officers, in addition to the duties herein assigned, be also charged with the duty of receiving and preserving such letters, reports, sketches and photographs as relate to the services of the soldiery and the soldiers themselves, as may be furnished to them for preservation, as memorials of those who served in the Union army.

It was moved that the preamble and resolution be received and spread of record, and the resolution adopted. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by J. J. Todd, and adopted by vote of the Encampment:



*Resolved*, That the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General be appointed a committee, whose duty it shall be to have five hundred copies of the proceedings of the several annual meetings of this Department collected and published with the proceedings of this meeting, in pamphlet form, and that three copies thereof be forwarded to each Post of this Department.

The election of officers was entered upon and Comrades McMasters and Nukes appointed tellers.

The following nominations were made for Department Commander:

Comrade J. C. Pierson nominated John Coburn, Post 17.

Comrade R. S. Robertson nominated James R. Carnahan, Post 3.

Comrade J. M. Cassel nominated J. B. Shaw, Post 3.

Comrade J. N. Wallingford nominated J. L. Wooden, Post 5.

Comrade Harris nominated George J. Langsdale, Post 11.

Comrade Coburn declined being a candidate, and the first ballot resulted as follows:

Carnahan.....	62
Shaw .....	18
Wooden .....	24
Langsdale.....	20
Coburn .....	3
Blank.....	1

Total number of votes cast, one hundred and twenty-eight.

Necessary to a choice, sixty-five..

No election.



Comrade Shaw withdrew his name.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

Carnahan .....	83
Wooden.....	32
Langsdale .....	17
Blank.....	1
Coburn .....	1

Total number of votes cast, one hundred and thirty-four.

Necessary to a choice, sixty-eight.

Carnahan having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected, and addressed the Encampment upon call from the members thereof.

The following nominations were made for Senior Vice Commander:

Comrade Solomon nominated Edwin Nicar, of Post 8.

Comrade W. A. Quigley nominated Paul Hendricks, of Post 26.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Nicar.....	101
Hendricks .....	32
Scattering .....	1

Total number of votes cast, one hundred and thirty-four.

Necessary to a choice, sixty-eight.

Comrade Nicar having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Senior Vice Commander.

The following nominations were made for Junior Vice Commander:



Comrade Fee nominated Paul Hendricks, of Post 26.

Comrade Hartman nominated A. C. Rosencranz, of Post 27.

The ballott resulted as follows :

Rosencranz .....	78
Hendricks.....	48

Total number of ballots cast, one hundred and twenty-six.

Necessary to a choice, sixty-four.

Comrade Rosencranz having received a majority of the ballots cast, was declared duly elected Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade William Scott was nominated by Comrade Beasley for Medical Director, and there being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was ordered to cast 126 ballots for Comrade Scott, which was done, and he was declared duly elected Medical Director.

On motion of Comrade Hagar the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast 126 ballots for Rev. J. W. Harris for Deputy Chaplain, which was done, and Comrade Harris declared duly elected.

The following were nominated for members of the Council of Administration :

J. A. Gurley, Post 10.  
 Abram Sebren, Post 15.  
 George F. Maginnis, Post 17.  
 C. N. Scott, Post 32.  
 Wm. A. Quigley, Post 26.

As there were but five nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the above named Comrades,



which was done, and they were declared duly elected members of the Council of Administration.

George J. Langsdale was nominated as delegate at large to the National Encampment. There being no other nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for George J. Langsdale, and he was declared unanimously elected delegate at large to the National Encampment.

The following were nominated as delegates to the National Encampment :

Robert S. Robertson, Post 40.

Harmon L. Miller, Post 1.

J. L. Wooden, Post 5.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Robertson .....	51
Miller .....	28
Wooden.....	86

Comrades Wooden and Robertson were declared duly elected delegates to the National Encampment.

The following were nominated as alternates to the National Encampment :

John Spies, Post 32.

H. L. Miller, Post 1.

M. D. Manson, Post 7.

There being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for them, and they were declared duly elected alternates to the National Encampment.

Comrade Jas. R. Carnahan was installed as Department Commander by Post Department Commander, John B. Hager.

Ben D. House was appointed Assistant Adjutant General, and installed by J. B. Hager, Post Department Commander.

The following resolution, introduced by Comrade J. B. Dowd, of Post 9, was adopted by the Encampment:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to Geo. H. Thomas Post, and the railroad companies for courtesies extended to the members thereof.

*Resolved*, that we tender a vote of thanks to the officers of the past term for the faithfulness with which they have performed their duties.

On motion of Comrade J. L. Wooden, it was moved that the Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, supply a copy of Rules and Regulations, and Service Books, to Comrades seeking Post organization, and to new Posts not furnished.

G. H. Shover, of Post 17, was appointed Assistant Quartermaster General.

Thomas Hanna, of Post 11, was appointed Judge Advocate General.

It was moved that the delegates to the National Encampment vote for the abrogation of the rule requiring the Relief Fund to be kept separate. After discussion, the motion was laid on the table indefinitely.

The Encampment closed.